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USDA to Forecast Fruit Production

HARRISBURG, PA – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct a forecast survey for 2020 tree fruit (apples and peaches) and cranberry production during August, 2020. The survey will collect information about acreage and projected production from more than 1,000 growers in the Northeastern region of the United States.

“The information from these surveys directly impacts our regions’ fruit growers by providing a forecast of fruit production in the Northeast,” said Kevin Pautler, deputy director of the NASS, Northeastern Regional Field Office. “Growers can use the survey results when making business plans and marketing decisions. USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) relies on the average yields to administer farm programs. Cooperative Extension uses the data to provide needed outreach and education, and State Departments and Agencies of Agriculture use the information to aid growers.”

In these surveys, NASS asks participants to answer a variety of questions about apples, peaches and cranberries, depending on the state and version of the questionnaire. For their convenience, survey participants have the option to respond online. As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses and publishes only State and National level data, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified.

NASS will compile, analyze, and publish survey results in the August 12th, 2020 Crop Production report. All previous publications are available online at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications>. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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